

To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

April 28, 2015

From:

Darrell R. Crittendon-Director of Recreation,

Subject: Norfolk Trail of Honor at

Wisconsin Square

Reviewed:

Wynter C. Benda, Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward: Citywide

Approved:

Wynter C. Benda, Deputy City Manager

Item Number:

R-6

Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

I. Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

Parks & Open Space

II. Applicant:

Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space

III. Description

This agenda item is a proposed ordinance to accept the gift of eleven (11) bronze plaques to be established at Wisconsin Square in honor of service members directly connected to the City of Norfolk who earned the Medal of Honor while serving their country.

IV. Analysis

The Mayor's Veteran's Affairs Commission has purchased and will install eleven (11) bronze plaques (16 inches x 20 inches) with a value of \$14,575. The plaques will be posted on a four foot black, carbonized steel post erected in Wisconsin Square. Each plaque is dedicated to a service member with a direct connection to the City of Norfolk who earned a Medal of Honor while serving their country.

The placement of the plaques have been approved by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space, Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission. Upon approval of the ordinance, all title, interest or rights will be conveyed to the City of Norfolk.

V. Financial Impact

The installation of the Trail of Honor will not have a financial impact on the City of Norfolk.

VI. Environmental

N/A

VII. Community Outreach/Notification

Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

VIII. Board/Commission Action

The Mayor's Veteran's Affairs Commission purchased and will absorb the costs associated with the installation of the Trail of Honor at Wisconsin Square.

IX. Coordination/Outreach

This ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space.

Supporting material from the Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space:

- Ordinance
- Exhibit A detailing the illustration of the plaques and placement

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form and Correctness Approved:

Office of the City Attorney

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Contents Approved:

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ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE GRATFULLY ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF ELEVEN BRONZE PLAQUES TO BE ESTABLISHED AT WISCONSIN SQUARE IN HONOR OF SERVICE MEMBERS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE CITY OF NORFOLK WHO EARNED THE MEDAL OF HONOR WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Veteran's Affairs Commission has undertaken to purchase and install at a total cost of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$14,575.00) eleven bronze plaques (16 inches x 20 inches), each to be posted on a four foot black, carbonized steel post, in Wisconsin Square, and that each plaque is dedicated to a service member with a direct connection to the City who earned the Medal of Honor while serving their country, as further detailed in the attached Architectural Review Board Application, marked as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, both the Architectural Review Board and the City Planning Commission have approved the placement of these plaques; and

WHEREAS, the administration believes the exhibition of these plaques within Wisconsin Square to be perfectly suited for the site and recommends that the City accept this gift; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Council of the City of Norfolk hereby gratefully accepts the gift and installment of eleven plaques to be placed within Wisconsin Square as further detailed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2:- That upon passage of this ordinance and acceptance of said plaques, all title, interest or right of any kind of said plaques and materials used to erect them shall pass to the City of Norfolk.

Section 3:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption.



Placement of 11 bronze plaques (16"x20") each on a 4 foot black, carbonized steel post. Post to be installed in concrete with 3 feet above ground. Plaques post mounted at 30 degree angle for easy reading. Plaques are dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients with a direct connection to Norfolk. Two of the plaques will be for site dedication and list of contributors. Other nine will give names and narrative reason for receiving the Medal of Honor.

Wisconsin Square was chosen as the location because of the theme of sacrifice to our country with the monuments dedicated to those Norfolk based units that suffered major losses. An area dedicated to Norfolk connected Medal of Honor recipients will follow that theme.

The area beside the brick walkway in Wisconsin Square is 80' from the space dedicated to the monuments to the shrubbery on the Pagoda side of the square. Two plaques (description and contributors) will be placed starting 1' from the monuments end, 1.5' apart for a total, including the plaques, of 5'. Each plaque thereafter will be 6' apart for a grand total of 60', leaving 20' for expansion.



NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE

Dedicated to locally based Naval Special Warfare (NSW) personnel to include SEALs (Sea, Air and Land), SWCC (Special Warfare Combatant Craft) and support personnel assigned NSW commands, who have given their lives for our country. As members of the Naval Special Warfare community, NSW personnel have served in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, smaller conflicts around the world and counter-terrorism and anti-piracy missions. Whenever stealth and dedication are needed, NSW is called. SEALs and SWCCs have served our country with great distinction in extremely difficult circumstances which many times have gone unnoticed. Highly decorated but humble, they do not draw attention to themselves. We owe these exceptionally trained, extremely dedicated special warfare team members a debt that cannot be repaid.

Dedicated by a grateful City of Norfolk

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AIR FORCE

NORFOLK TRAIL OF HONOR

This Trail of Honor is dedicated to those service members with a direct connection to the City of Norfolk and earned the Medal of Honor while serving their country. The Medal of Honor is the highest military honor awarded for acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.

The Medal of Honor was created to give recognition to service members who distinguished themselves in combat and is usually given by the President of the United States in a formal ceremony in the White House.

These heroes were willing to give their lives for our country. They deserve to remain in our memory forever.

Medal of Honor Recipients (Norfolk)

Civil War:

William Henry Barnes
William Harvey Carney

Indian Wars:

Thomas Boyle

Benjamin F. Stewart

Spanish-American War: Both on one plaque (same date, action, etc.)

David D. Barrow George W. Bright

WWII:

Jacklyn "Jack" H. Lucas Douglas MacArthur

Vietnam:

William A. Jones

Humbert R. Versace